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Brewer Names Director of Office of Strategic Planning and Budgeting

PHOENIX – Arizona Governor Jan Brewer today announced her appointment of Eileen Klein as Director of the Governor's Office of Strategic Planning and Budgeting (OSPB). The mission of OSPB is to facilitate the effective and efficient allocation of resources in accordance with fiscally sound principles that will enable the Governor and state government to provide quality services to the citizens of Arizona. As Director, Ms. Klein will directly serve the Governor presenting fiscal and budgetary recommendations and will oversee long term planning and performance management objectives for state government agencies.

"Ms. Klein is an experienced and highly respected leader in the business community and I am thrilled to have her as a member of my senior team," stated Brewer. "Ms. Klein has an outstanding record of achievement throughout her professional career, and will be a tremendous asset in these challenging economic times."

Before her appointment as Director of OSPB, Ms. Klein served as Chief Operating Officer for Arizona Physicians IPA by UnitedHealthcare, a \$1B corporation with 250 personnel dedicated to serving Arizonans with special health care needs enrolled in AHCCCS, DDD and ADHS programs. Prior to that, Ms. Klein served for three years as Vice President of State Affairs, representing all UnitedHealthcare lines of business in government relations and public policy in Arizona, Utah and Idaho.

Prior to joining the private sector, Klein spent over twelve years in state government in Arizona and Florida. She was the director of policy for the Arizona House of Representatives, where she served as chief advisor to the majority leadership. In that role, she oversaw the development of the state's \$10B budget and was responsible for directing policy staff in advancing major legislative initiatives and state government reforms. During her tenure, Ms. Klein served four House Speakers.

Klein's legislative experience also includes work at the Office of the Auditor General, where she performed audits to evaluate the effectiveness and efficiency of state programs.

Klein is an executive committee member of the Arizona Chamber of Commerce and Industry, where she serves as Chair of Public Affairs and in 2008 was named the Chamber's Volunteer of the Year. She is a board member of the Arizona Business and Education Coalition, for which she is co-chair of the K-12 school finance reform project, and in 2008 was named the Business Partner of the Year. She was also honored by the Arizona Capitol Times as a Leader of the Year in Public Policy.

Klein earned her Bachelor's degree in Business and French from Florida State University. She also holds a Master of Public Administration degree from Arizona State University.

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